

hard and elastic. There are varieties the wood of which is finely streaked with red and olive.

*Metrosideros* spp. (Myrtaceae.) 42851-42852. Seeds from Avondale, Auckland, New Zealand. Presented by Mr. H. R. Wright, 42851. *M. robusta* A. Cunningham. "Native name *Rata*. This tree grows to over 100 feet high and 6 feet or more through, a hard wood, very durable; is largely used by wheelwrights. Found all over New Zealand. When in bloom is very gorgeous. *M. robusta* is only found inland in the forests and not on the coast. It is very difficult to gather seed, owing to the height it grows before seeding." (Wright.) 42852. *M. tomentosa* A. Richard. "Native name *Pohutukawa*. This is without doubt one of the most beautiful of flowering trees and is invaluable for bees, the honey from which is of excellent flavor and is as white as lard. This tree is to be found skirting the New Zealand coast, on the hill sides, along the sea beach, and even grows out of the sides of cliffs, overlooking the sea. In many cases you can see trees just above high water mark, where the roots are frequently washed by the tide, and doing well. Like *M. robusta* its wood is hard and is used for making knees for boat building; grows to about 40 feet high. Strange to say *M. tomentosa* is only found in the wild state growing near the sea, although it grows well inland providing it is protected from frost." (Wright.)

*Pittosporum tenuifolium* Gaertner. (Pittosporaceae.) 42853. Seeds from Avondale, Auckland, New Zealand. Presented by Mr. H. R. Wright. "Hardy, used for hedges. Seed takes a very long time to germinate, often 12 months." (Wright.)

*Rosa* spp. (Rosaceae.) 42974-42982. Cuttings from Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, Mass. Presented by Professor C. S. Sargent. 42974. *R. banksiopsis* Baker. A very common rose in western Hupeh in thickets of low-growing shrubs on mountain slopes at altitudes from 1,300 to 2,000 meters. It grows to a height of 3 meters, has rose-red flowers, coral-red fruits, and more or less reddish-purple shoots and branches remarkably free from prickles. (Adapted from *Plantae Wilsonianae*, Vol. 2, p. 322, 1915.) 42975. *R. bella* Rehder & Wilson. "This pretty rose from mountains in north-western Shansi, seems most closely related to *R. moyesii* Hemsley & Wilson, which is a much more vigor-